



# Ray Clarence Olson

## *Education*

Raymond graduated from Humboldt High School in 1959 and went on to get his BS degree in Math and Physics from the University of Sioux Falls and his Masters from USD, also in Math, Physics and Geology.

Over the years, he continued to receive several endorsements and certifications — mainly in the fields of special education, deaf education and school administration. Raymond is widely known and recognized in the region for his many years of work as a beloved instructor, administrator, researcher, consultant and advocate. Throughout his 43 year career, he has positively touched the lives of countless deaf students, their families and those who were trained to become future instructors of the Deaf.

Raymond first worked as a teacher at Brandon Valley High School as well as the South Dakota School for the Deaf. He later became the Principal at SDSD and was well liked by teachers, students, administrators, parents and the public alike. He eventually left K-12 programs to become an instructor/professor at both Augustana College and later, the Iowa Western Community College. His love for Deaf education did not stop there, as he went on to be a Director of Student Support Services at IWCC and then moved to the St. Paul Technical Community College in Minnesota to serve as their Dean and Project Director for Deaf education services. Later, he found his way back to South Dakota and worked as an Outreach Consultant for SDSD until his retirement in 2006.

Since then, Raymond has enjoyed spending his time traveling with his wife, working on the family farm, as well as golfing, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.